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NH DHHS COVID-19 Update – March 26, 2021

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following update on the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

On Friday, March 26, 2021, DHHS announced 389 new positive test results for COVID-19, for a current PCR test positivity rate of 2.9%. Today's results include 203 people who tested positive by PCR test and 186 who tested positive by antigen test. There are now 2,718 current COVID-19 cases diagnosed in New Hampshire. Of the results reported today:

- **3/25: 389** new cases

Several cases are still under investigation. Additional information from ongoing investigations will be incorporated into future COVID-19 updates. Of those with complete information, there are sixty-seven individuals under the age of 18 and the rest are adults with 50% being female and 50% being male. The new cases reside in Rockingham (112), Hillsborough County other than Manchester and Nashua (78), Strafford (35), Merrimack (25), Belknap (12), Coos (12), Grafton (11), Carroll (6), Cheshire (6), and Sullivan (2) counties, and in the cities of Manchester (36) and Nashua (31). The county of residence is being determined for twenty-three new cases.

Community-based transmission continues to occur in the State and has been identified in all counties. Of those with complete risk information, most of the cases have either had close contact with a person with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, are associated with an outbreak setting, or have recently traveled.

DHHS has also announced two additional deaths related to COVID-19. We offer our sympathies to the family and friends.

- 1 male resident of Cheshire County, 60 years of age and older
- 1 male resident of Hillsborough County, fewer than 60 years of age

There are currently 71 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19. In New Hampshire since the start of the pandemic, there have been a total of 82,374 cases of COVID-19 diagnosed.

Current Situation in New Hampshire

New Hampshire 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Summary Report (updated March 26, 2021, 9:00 AM)

NH Persons with COVID-19	82,374
Recovered	78,425 (95%)
Deaths Attributed to COVID-19	1,231 (1%)
Total Current COVID-19 Cases	2,718
Current Hospitalizations	71
Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) ₂	654,566

Total Persons Tested at Selected Laboratories, Antibody Laboratory Tests² 38,549

Persons with Specimens Submitted to NH PHL 70,217

Persons with Test Pending at NH PHL³ 269

¹Includes specimens positive at any laboratory and those confirmed by CDC confirmatory testing.

²Includes specimens tested at the NH Public Health Laboratories (PHL), LabCorp, Quest, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, and those sent to CDC prior to NH PHL testing capacity.

³Includes specimens received and awaiting testing at NH PHL. Does not include tests pending at commercial laboratories.

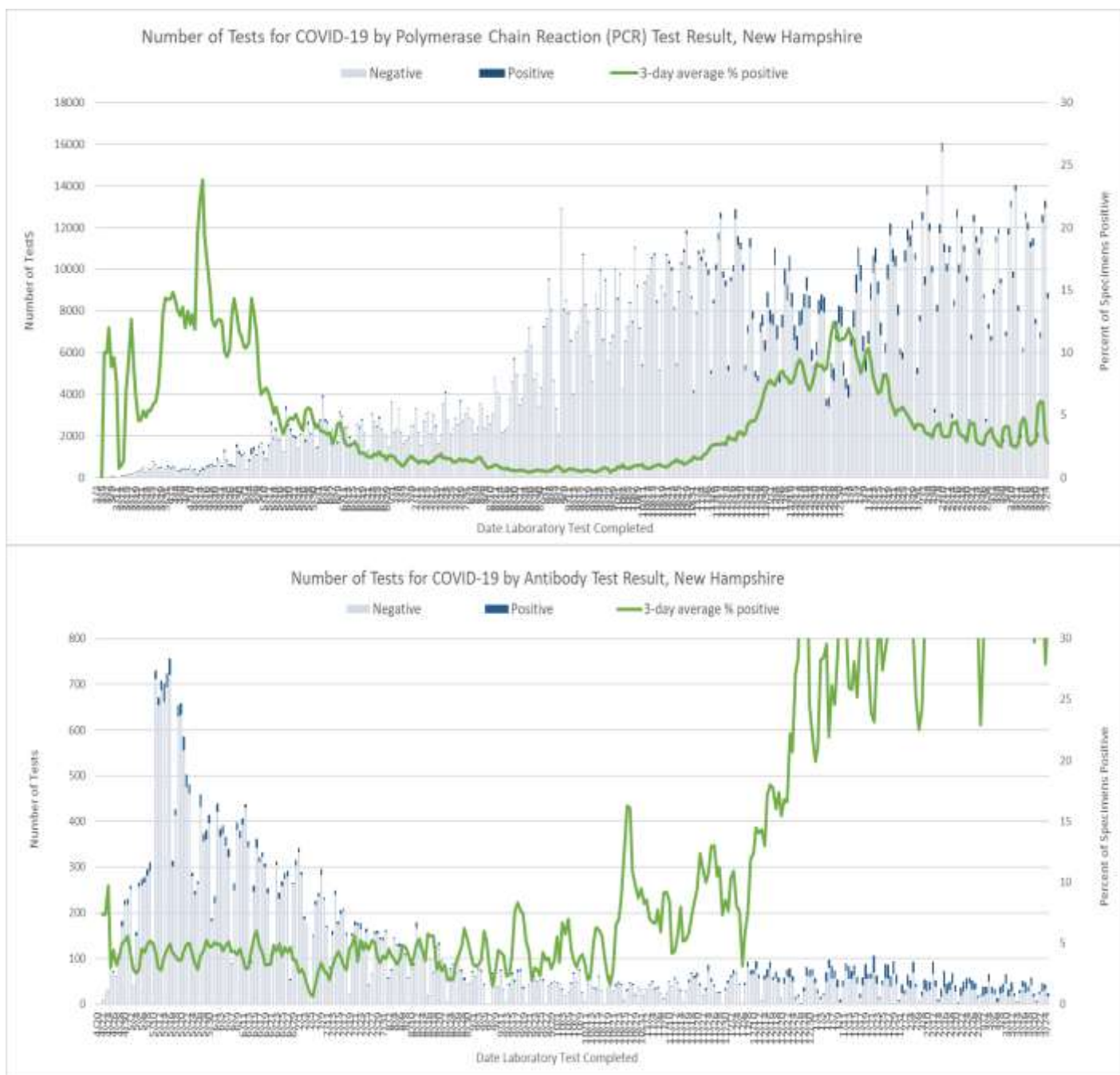
Number of Tests Conducted by Date of Report to NH DHHS

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/2	3/25	Daily Average
NH Public Health Laboratories	646	174	0	24	411	426	497	311
LabCorp	375	463	296	426	516	578	443	442
Quest Diagnostics	508	405	426	359	396	554	579	461
Mako Medical	53	23	9	8	556	451	35	162
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	488	276	110	134	487	388	1	269
NorDX Laboratory	269	114	83	68	480	326	297	234
Broad Institute	5,319	2,385	615	1,009	5,270	5,166	2,342	3,158
Other NH Hospital Laboratory	500	292	225	361	557	718	372	432
Other Laboratory*	622	249	265	407	471	784	387	455
University of New Hampshire**	2,703	3,232	151	4,179	3,473	3,886	3,908	3,076
Total	11,483	7,613	2,180	6,975	12,617	13,277	8,861	9,001
Antibody Laboratory Tests								
Testing Laboratory	3/19	3/20	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/2	3/25	Daily Average
LabCorp	10	7	2	2	18	9	15	9
Quest Diagnostics	21	9	2	6	12	15	5	10
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	8	5	1	5	3	4	0	4
NorDX Laboratory	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
Other Laboratory*	10	1	2	8	1	7	0	4
Total	49	22	7	22	34	36	22	27

* Includes out-of-state public health laboratories, out-of-state hospital laboratories, and other commercial laboratories not already listed in the table.

Note: Patients who had both antibody and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests are accounted for in both tables.

** Includes tests conducted at the UNH laboartory and their contracted lab Veritas.



[NH DHHS Daily Update on COVID-19 Archive](#)

For more information, please visit the DHHS COVID-19 webpage at <https://www.nh.gov/covid19>.

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